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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003, Applicant submits the following
Amendment and Reply.

A two month extension of time is hereby petitioned. A check in the amount of
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